

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2758**

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**Introduced by Committee on Revenue and Taxation (Bocanegra  
(Chair), Gordon, Mullin, Pan, V. Manuel Pérez, and Ting)**

March 24, 2014

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An act to amend Sections 6452.1 and 18510 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2758, as introduced, Committee on Revenue and Taxation. Sales and use taxes: administration: qualified use tax: acceptable tax return.

The Sales and Use Tax Law generally provides, for a transaction not subject to sales tax, that every person storing, using, or otherwise consuming in this state tangible personal property purchased from a retailer for storage, use, or other consumption in this state is liable for use tax, and must pay the use tax to the State Board of Equalization, unless that person has paid the use tax to a retailer registered to collect the tax. Existing law authorizes a person to make an irrevocable election to report qualified use tax, as defined, on that person's income tax return. Under existing law, any payments and credits shown on the return, together with any other credits associated with that person's account, of a person that elects to report qualified use tax on an acceptable tax return is applied first to taxes imposed under the Personal Income Tax Law or the Corporation Tax Law, including penalties and interest, and then to qualified use tax.

This bill would instead require, of payments shown on the return of a person that reports qualified use tax on an acceptable tax return, an amount equal to the qualified use tax liability reported on that acceptable tax return be applied to that liability, as provided.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6452.1 of the Revenue and Taxation  
2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 6452.1. (a) Notwithstanding Section 6451, every person that  
4 purchases tangible personal property, the storage, use, or other  
5 consumption of which is subject to qualified use tax, as defined  
6 in subdivision (d), that is otherwise required to report and remit  
7 that tax pursuant to this part, may elect to report and remit qualified  
8 use tax on an acceptable tax return.
- 9 (b) (1) A person that reports qualified use tax on an acceptable  
10 tax return is deemed to have made the election authorized by this  
11 section.
- 12 (2) (A) In the case of a married individual filing a separate  
13 California personal income tax return, an election may be made  
14 to report either one-half of the qualified use tax or the entire  
15 qualified use tax on his or her separate California personal income  
16 tax return.
- 17 (B) If an individual elects to report one-half of the qualified use  
18 tax, that election will not be binding with respect to the remaining  
19 one-half of the qualified use tax owed by that individual and that  
20 individual's spouse.
- 21 (c) An election to report qualified use tax on an acceptable tax  
22 return shall be irrevocable. An acceptable tax return that contains  
23 use tax shall be considered a tax return for purposes of this part.
- 24 (d) For purposes of this section:
- 25 (1) "Acceptable tax return" means a timely filed original return  
26 that is filed pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section  
27 18501), Article 2 (commencing with Section 18601), Section  
28 18633, Section 18633.5 of Chapter 2 (commencing with Section  
29 18501) of Part 10.2, or Article 3 (commencing with Section 23771)  
30 of Chapter 4 of Part 11.
- 31 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), "qualified use  
32 tax" means either of the following:
- 33 (i) For one or more single nonbusiness purchases of individual  
34 items of tangible personal property each with a sales price of less  
35 than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), either of the following:

(I) The use tax imposed under this part, Article XIII of the California Constitution, in conformity with the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200)), or in accordance with the Transactions and Use Tax Law (Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251)) that has not been paid to a retailer holding a seller's permit or certificate of registration-use tax.

(II) The estimated amount of use tax as calculated by the board. The board shall annually calculate the estimated amount of use tax due according to a person's adjusted gross income and by July 30 of each calendar year make available to Franchise Tax Board such amounts in the form of a use tax table as part of the accompanying instructions of the acceptable tax return.

(ii) For one or more single nonbusiness purchases of individual items of tangible personal property each with a sales price of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, or for any tangible personal property purchased for use in a trade or business, the amount of use tax imposed under this part, Article XIII of the California Constitution, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200)), or the Transactions and Use Tax Law (Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251)) that has not been paid to a retailer holding a seller's permit or certificate of registration-use tax.

(B) "Qualified use tax" does not include:

(i) Use tax imposed on the storage, use, or other consumption of a mobilehome or a commercial coach that is required to be registered annually pursuant to the Health and Safety Code or use tax imposed on the storage, use, or other consumption of a vehicle subject to identification under Division 16.5 (commencing with Section 38000) of the Vehicle Code, or a vehicle that qualifies under the permanent trailer identification plate program pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code.

(ii) Use tax imposed on the storage, use, or other consumption of a vehicle, vessel, or aircraft.

(iii) Use tax imposed on a lease of tangible personal property.

(iv) Use tax imposed on the storage, use, or other consumption of cigarettes, tobacco products, or cigarettes and tobacco products for which the purchaser is registered with the board as a cigarette consumer, a tobacco products consumer, or a cigarette and tobacco products consumer.

(e) (1) If a person elects to report qualified use tax on an acceptable tax return, that person shall report and remit the qualified use tax by reporting the amount due based on all taxable purchases of tangible personal property made during the taxable year for which the acceptable tax return is required to be filed. A person that has made one or more single nonbusiness purchases of individual items of tangible personal property each with a sales price of less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) may satisfy his or her tax liability for those purchases by using the use tax table shown in the accompanying instructions of the acceptable tax return.

(2) The qualified use tax shall be reported on and remitted with an acceptable tax return that is required to be filed for the taxable year in which the liability for the qualified use tax was incurred.

(f) (1) The penalties and interest imposed under this part, in conformity with the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200)), or in accordance with the Transactions and Use Tax Law (Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251)) shall apply to use tax reported as qualified use tax on an acceptable return.

(2) Any claims for refunds or credits of any use tax reported as qualified use tax on an acceptable tax return shall be made in accordance with Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 6901) of this part.

(3) Qualified use tax shall be considered to be timely reported and remitted for purposes of this part, in conformity with the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200)), and in accordance with the Transactions and Use Tax Law (Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251)), if the qualified use tax is timely reported on and remitted with an acceptable tax return in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(g) Notwithstanding a person's payment of qualified use tax on an acceptable tax return, the board is not precluded from making any determinations for understatements of qualified use tax against that person in accordance with this chapter. However, with respect to one or more single nonbusiness purchases of individual items of tangible personal property each with a sales price of less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), the board shall be precluded from making any such determination against any person who uses the

1 use tax table for purposes of satisfying his or her use tax liability  
2 when the person uses that table in accordance with the  
3 accompanying instructions.

4 ~~(h) Any payments and credits shown on the return, together~~  
5 ~~with any other credits associated with that person's account, of a~~  
6 ~~person that elects to report qualified use tax on an acceptable tax~~  
7 ~~return shall be applied in the following order:~~

8 ~~(1) Taxes imposed under Part 10 (commencing with Section~~  
9 ~~17001) or Part 11 (commencing with Section 23001), including~~  
10 ~~penalties and interest, if any, imposed under Part 10.2 (commencing~~  
11 ~~with Section 18401).~~

12 ~~(2) Qualified use tax reported on the acceptable tax return in~~  
13 ~~accordance with this section.~~

14 *(h) (1) Of payments shown on the return of a person that reports*  
15 *qualified use tax on an acceptable tax return, an amount equal to*  
16 *the qualified use tax liability reported on that acceptable tax return*  
17 *in accordance with this section shall be applied to that liability.*

18 *(2) This subdivision shall apply to purchases of tangible*  
19 *personal property made on or after January 1, 2014, in taxable*  
20 *years beginning on or after January 1, 2014.*

21 *(i) (1) This section does not apply to a person who is otherwise*  
22 *required to hold a seller's permit or to register with the State Board*  
23 *of Equalization pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001)*  
24 *of this division.*

25 *(2) This section applies to purchases of tangible personal*  
26 *property made on or after January 1, 2010, in taxable years*  
27 *beginning on or after January 1, 2010.*

28 ~~(3) The amendments made by the act adding this paragraph~~  
29 *Chapter 14 of the Statutes of 2011 shall apply to purchases of*  
30 *tangible personal property made on or after January 1, 2011, in*  
31 *taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011.*

32 SEC. 2. Section 18510 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is  
33 amended to read:

34 18510. (a) (1) The Franchise Tax Board shall revise the returns  
35 required to be filed pursuant to this article, Article 2 (commencing  
36 with Section 18601), Section 18633, Section 18633.5, and Article  
37 3 (commencing with Section 23771) of Chapter 4 of Part 11, and  
38 the accompanying instructions for filing those returns, in a form  
39 and manner approved by the State Board of Equalization, to allow

1 a person to report and pay qualified use tax in accordance with the  
2 provisions of Section 6452.1.

3 (2) Within 10 working days of receiving from the Franchise  
4 Tax Board the returns and instructions described in paragraph (1),  
5 the State Board of Equalization shall do either of the following:

6 (A) Approve the form and manner of the returns and instructions  
7 and notify the Franchise Tax Board of this approval.

8 (B) Submit comments to the Franchise Tax Board regarding  
9 changes to the returns and instructions that shall be incorporated  
10 before the State Board of Equalization approves the form and  
11 manner of the returns and instructions.

12 ~~(b) Any payments and credits shown on the return, together~~  
13 ~~with any other credits associated with that person's account, of a~~  
14 ~~person that elects to report qualified use tax on an acceptable tax~~  
15 ~~return shall be applied in the following order:~~

16 ~~(1) Taxes imposed under Part 10 (commencing with Section~~  
17 ~~17001) or Part 11 (commencing with Section 23001), including~~  
18 ~~penalties and interest, if any, imposed under this part.~~

19 ~~(2) Qualified use tax as reported on the acceptable tax return,~~  
20 ~~in accordance with Section 6452.1.~~

21 *(b) (1) Of payments shown on the return of a person that reports*  
22 *qualified use tax on an acceptable tax return, an amount equal to*  
23 *the qualified use tax liability reported on that acceptable tax return*  
24 *in accordance with Section 6452.1 shall be applied to that liability.*

25 *(2) This subdivision shall apply to returns filed for taxable years*  
26 *beginning on or after January 1, 2014.*

27 (c) The Franchise Tax Board shall transfer the qualified use tax  
28 received pursuant to Section 6452.1, and any information the State  
29 Board of Equalization deems necessary for its administration of  
30 the use tax, to the State Board of Equalization within 60 days from  
31 the date the use tax is received or the acceptable tax return is  
32 processed, whichever is later.

33 (d) This section shall be operative for returns filed for taxable  
34 years beginning on and after January 1, 2010.

35 (e) The amendments made by the act adding this subdivision  
36 *Chapter 14 of the Statutes of 2011* shall apply to returns filed for  
37 taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2011.